

MUSEUM OF PRACTICAL GEOLOGY, LONDON, AND MUSEUM
OF IRISH INDUSTRY IN DUBLIN.

RETURN to Two Orders of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 14th March 1851 *per*,

- A RETURN "of EXPENDITURE incurred, to the 1st day of January 1851, for the MUSEUM of PRACTICAL GEOLOGY in London, divided into the Heads of Cost of Building, and Expenses incurred for other Purposes; the Amount paid in Annual Salaries; stating, at the same time, whether the Persons employed in the Museum receive any other Salaries or Emoluments; and the Time given up to other Public Duties, where any are performed:" and
- A RETURN "of EXPENDITURE incurred to the 1st day of January 1851, for the MUSEUM of IRISH INDUSTRY in Dublin, divided into the Heads of Cost of Building and Expenses incurred for other Purposes; the Amount paid in Annual Salaries; stating, at the same time, whether the Persons employed in the Museum receive any other Salaries or Emoluments; and the Time given up to other Public Duties, where any are performed."
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MUSEUM OF PRACTICAL GEOLOGY, LONDON.

1. Cost of Building.*

£. 43,833. 1s. 9d. (This amount includes two sums of £,000 *l.*, voted in the sessions of 1850 and 1851 respectively, for warming and ventilating, fitting-up the laboratory, and providing the walls in the interior of the building with cases for the reception of specimens.)

2. Expenses incurred for other Purposes.†

Supply and repair of furniture; purchase of marble, minerals, &c.; model making, laboratory expenses, books, fuel, rates, servants' wages, rent, and incidental expenses, 2,478 *l.* 1s. 11d.

3. The Amount paid in Annual Salaries.

The annual salaries for 1850-51, as voted by Parliament, were as follows: curator, 250 *l.*; chemist, 250 *l.*; keeper of mining records, 200 *l.*; assistant curator and librarian, 150 *l.*; two assistant chemists, 180 *l.*; office-keeper and resident attendant, 90 *l.*; one attendant and messenger, 80 *l.*; one door-keeper, 70 *l.*

4. Whether

* This amount includes the whole of the expenditure incurred within the period of this Return in erecting the present Museum building in Jernyn-street, and in providing the requisite fittings and fixtures.

† The expenses stated under the heads 2 and 3 are applicable to the year 1850-51.

2 EXPENDITURE FOR THE MUSEUM OF PRACTICAL GEOLOGY,

4. Whether the Persons employed in the Museum receive any other Salaries or Emoluments.

The answer to this question will be found given under No. 5.

5. The Time given up to other Public Duties, and where they are performed.

The Director.—Sir Henry De la Beche, the director of the Museum, is director of the Geological Survey also; a portion of his time as director of the survey is necessarily employed in the field; another portion is employed in London in superintending the printing and publication of the proceedings, and in the general direction of all the arrangements not of a strictly local character. He is paid a salary for his services as director of the survey only. He holds the appointment also of a Commissioner of Sewers, and he attended, during the year 1860, 48 courts and committees; the time given up to these attendances is estimated at from 120 to 140 hours. His services in this Commission are unpaid.

Chemist.—The only other officer of the Museum having other duties is the chemist (Dr. Lyon Playfair). He has been appointed a Special Commissioner to the Exhibition of 1861, and has been chiefly occupied with the duties of that appointment ever since. A substitute in the conducting of analyses has been provided in the laboratory of the Museum at his own expense. As a Special Commissioner for the Exhibition of 1861 he receives 2*l.* 2*s.* per diem, and his travelling expenses when out of London.

(signed) *H. T. De la Beche,*
Director.

MUSEUM OF IRISH INDUSTRY, DUBLIN.

1. Cost of Building.

The house occupied as the Museum is held on a lease for 999 years, at a rent of 303 *l.* 5*s.* per annum. The sum paid for the purchase of the lease, including legal expenses, amounts to 1,691 *l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

The sum expended on new buildings within the period of this return amounts to 3,460 *l.* The amount paid during the same period for alterations and repairs of the old building, and for rent and taxes, has been 1,273 *l.* 16*s.* 3½*d.*

The total estimated ultimate expense of the new buildings is 7,350 *l.*

2. Expenses incurred for other Purposes.*

Museum cases, fittings, specimens, laboratory apparatus, and materials, books, fuel, and incidental expenses, 737 *l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*

3. The Amount paid in Annual Salaries.

Director, 300 *l.*; two assistant chemists, 180 *l.*; housekeeper, 86 *l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; house servant, 30 *l.*; hall porter, 16 *l.* 15*s.*; laboratory porter, 31 *l.* 15*s.*

Note.—The housekeeper resides in the Museum, and is allowed coals and candles. The porters are each furnished with a livery and a shop dress annually, the value of which is included in the amount of the salaries above stated as paid to them. The officers of the Museum, when travelling on the service of the Museum, are allowed necessary expenses.

4. Whether

* The expenses stated under the heads 2 and 3 are applicable to the year 1860-61.

4. Whether the Persons employed in the Museum receive any other Salaries or Emoluments.

The answer to this question will be found under No. 5.

5. The Time given up to other Public Duties, and where they are performed.

The Director, Sir Robert Kane, holds the office of President of Queen's College, Cork, the duties of which are stated to occupy about one-third of his time. The salary attached to this office is 800 *l.* per annum.

The Chemist delivers lectures on chemistry, for which he is paid by the pupils or by institutions. The lectures are delivered during the autumnal recess.

(signed) *Robert Kane,*
Director.

Office of Woods, &c. }
2 August 1851. }

Seymour,
Chief Commissioner of Her Majesty's
Woods, &c.

MUSEUM OF PRACTICAL GEOLOGY,
LONDON, AND MUSEUM OF NATURAL
HISTORY IN DUBLIN.

LISTEN of Specimens received to the 1st
day of January 1841 for the Museum of Prac-
tical Geology in London, and the Museum of
Natural History in Dublin.

(End of Report)

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